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Public consultation on the establishment of a reporting system on the physical cross-boundary transportation of large quantities of currency and bearer negotiable instruments (the R32 System)

The Government in July launched a three-month public consultation on the establishment of a reporting system on the physical cross-boundary transportation of large quantities of currency and bearer negotiable instruments (CBNIs) until 20 October 2015. For details, please refer to the following website: http://www.nd.gov.hk/pdf/r32 consult eng.pdf

This is an effort to move towards compliance with standards established under Recommendation 32 of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an Inter-governmental body developing and promoting policies to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. FAFT has put in place 40 recommendations, setting out a comprehensive framework of measures on anti-money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism. The R32 System is one of the measures necessary in such a framework. The purpose is to enable law enforcement agencies to detect and stop the physical movement of illicit funds across the boundaries of different jurisdictions.

According to the Government's proposal:

- Passengers arriving in Hong Kong carrying CBNIs valued at over HK\$120,000 should, when undergoing Customs clearance, use the Red Channel under the prevailing Red and Green Channel System and make a declaration. Passengers who do not carry CBNIs exceeding such a threshold can go through the Green Channel.
- 2. Passengers leaving Hong Kong will need to disclose the amount of CBNIs carried when asked by a Customs officer.
- 3. Persons responsible for the import or export of cargoes containing CBNIs above the designated threshold should make an <u>advance declaration</u> through an electronic system, in line with the existing systems for the clearance of cargoes.
- 4. Passengers in clearance transit, i.e. those who do not go through immigration and customs in Hong Kong will not be covered.

The proposed designated threshold of HK\$120,000 was drawn up with reference to FAFT's recommended threshold of USD/EUR 15,000, which is largely comparable to or even more relaxed than many other FAFT members.

The Government stresses that the *R32 system is* <u>not</u> and should not be regarded as currency control. Members of the public would still be free to bring or



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transport any amount of cash into and out of Hong Kong. Only that they need to report to the authority if the amount is over the designated threshold.

Please let us know your views:

Members who have any views on the consultation document are invited to inform the FHKI by 25 September 2015 (Fax No: 2721 3494 or email Jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk). For enquiries, please contact Jeffreys Tsang at 2732 3197.

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公眾諮詢:設立跨境運送大量貨幣和不記名可轉讓票據的申報及披露制度 (R32 制度)

政府於 7 月就設立跨境運送大量貨幣和不記名可轉讓票據的申報及披露制度進行三個月公眾諮詢,諮詢期至 2015 年 10 月 20 日。有關詳情,請參考以下網址: http://www.nd.gov.hk/pdf/r32 consult tc.pdf。

政府的建議是為了符合『財務行動特別組織』(「特別組織」)第32項建議(R32制度)下的標準。『特別組織』是一個跨政府組織,以制定和推廣政策來打擊洗錢和恐怖組織融資活動。『特別組織』制定了40項建議,構成一套全面打擊清洗黑錢和恐怖分子融資活動的綱領。R32制度是這套綱領下的其中一項必要措施,其目標是讓執法機關可值查和堵截不法資金被運送進出不同地區。

政府的建議如下:

- 1. 入境乘客如攜帶超過 12 萬港元的貨幣或不記名可轉讓票據,在清關時應使用現時「紅綠通道系統」下的「紅通道」作出申報。若款額不超過此上限,則可使用「綠通道」通關。
- 2. 出境的乘客如遇海關人員查問,則須披露所攜帶貨幣或不記名可轉讓票據的款額。
- 3. 負責貨物進出口的人士,如貨物載有超過指定上限的貨幣或不記名可轉讓票據,則 應透過電子系統預先作出申報。有關申報安排類近現行的便利貨物清關系統。
- 4. 建議的制度不包括途經香港的過境乘客,即毋須辦理出入境手續及清關的乘客。

政府參照了『特別組織』的建議,把指定上限定為12萬港元,即約15,000美元或 15,000歐元。此水平與『特別組織』大部分成員相比大致相同,甚至較為寬鬆。

政府強調,「**R32制度」不是、亦不應被視為貨幣管制**,不會影響公眾人士自由攜帶或運送任何金額的現金進出本港。他們只需要在有關金額超出指定上限時,向當局作



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出申報。

發表您的意見:

會員如對諮詢文件有意見,請於 2015 年 9 月 25 日前 向工總反映(傳真:2721 3494 或電郵:jeffreys.tsang@fhki.org.hk)。如有查詢,請聯絡秘書處曾志聰先生,電話:2732 3197。
